

ISHIHARA et al  
Appl. No. 10/022,414  
April 27, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

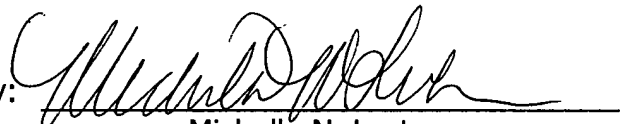
Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kojima et al. To advance prosecution, claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3 and 6-14 are allowed. Claim 11 has been amended above so as to depend from claim 3.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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